

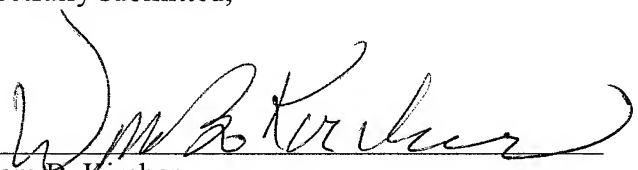
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 30, 2006, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute at this time Group I, claims 1-7 and drawn to an apparatus for automated finishing winding of a membrane section, classified in class 156, subclass 450. Applicant hereby withdraws Group II, claims 8-12, and Group III, claims 13-17, as being directed to non-elected inventions with the provision that these claims be held in abeyance to be prosecuted in subsequent applications.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard. Should any fees be necessitated by this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 11-0160.

Respectfully submitted,

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